KILLED



SGT. MARTIN RADEMACHER

Report More Casualties

Sgt. Martin Rademacher Of Westphalia Killed in Action, According to War Department Telegram

Mr. and Mrs. William Rademacher of Westphalia, were informed Wednesday, March 7, by the War Department, that their son, Sgt. Martin Rademacher, was reported killed in action over Hungary in November, 1944.

Sgt. Rademacher was born June 27, 1926, in Westphalia. He entered service Oct. 7, 1943, and received his training in Keesler Field, Miss., and at the gunnery school at Laredo, Texas, where he graduated in March, 1944, and received the silver wings of an aerial gunner. He was sent overseas in August of 1944 and was a tail gunner and assistant radio operator on a B-25 Liberator bomber with the 15th Bomber Squadron. It is the belief that he had completed 25 missions when he was reported missing in January, and no word had been received in the meantime.

Besides the parents, there are four sisters, Mrs. Walter Fox of Lansing, Mrs. Martin Thelen, a twin sister, and Germaine and Monica Rademacher of Westphalia. A requiem mass was said at St. Mary's church at 9 o'clock Monday morning. Members of the St. Joseph Society, to which he belonged, attended in a body.

Mrs. S. C. Ruth received word Monday morning that her son, Pfc. Lyle Ruth, was seriously wounded in an airplane crash Thursday morning at Laughlin Field, Texas. He was badly burned about the limbs and face. He is an engineer on the plane. He entered service in October, 1942 and has been stationed at Del Rio, Texas, for the past two years. His wife resides in Texas.

Johns, received word Thursday that her nephew, Cpl. Samuel K. Cressman, died Feb. 22 from wounds received on the German front Jan. 27. He was being treated at a British hospital. His wife, Mrs. Audrey Cressman, resides at East Lansing, and his mother, Mrs. Mabel Sidler, lives in Lansing.

Relatives of Pvt. Gaylord Swagart have received word that he was wounded Jan. 8 in Belgium. Latest reports are that he is recovering as well as can be expected. His brother, Pvt. Gerald D. Swagart, is with the Marines in the Pacific.

Mrs. Edna Falor, R-1, Fowler, received word this week that her son, Archie Falor, has been reported missing in action in Germany since March 1. He had been in overseas service for about six months. Another brother, Marvin, is also in the armed forces.



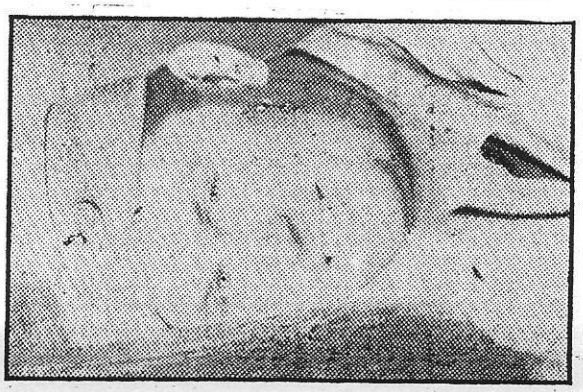
Pvt. Alan E. Kramer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kramer of Fowler. He was inducted into the Army in March, 1943, and was stationed at Camp Robinson, Ark. Pvt. Kramer left for overseas duty in Oct. 1943 and after spending several months in England was transferred to France.



Pfc. LAWRENCE L. HYKE is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester L. Hyke of St. Johns R-3. He graduated from the Aerial Gunner's School at Harlingen, Texas, and is now stationed at the Army Air Field, Walla Walla, Wash.



Henry R. Steves AMM 2-c, entered service in June, 1942 and went overseas in July, 1943. He has served with the Navy in South America and Africa since that time. Henry is the son of Mrs. Henry Steves, Sr., of Bingham.



Cpl. LAWRENCE E. DAGGETT, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Daggett of Elsie R-1, is now stationed somewhere in Italy. He entered service in June 1942 and left for overseas in August, 1943. He was stationed in North Africa for some time before being transferred to Italy.

Sgt. Benny Zamarron Uninjured In Landing

Mr. and Mrs. Trinidad Zamarron, R-1, Ashley, recently received a letter from their son, Sgt. Benny Zamarron, who as a member of a bomber crew, went down over Germany May 8. For some weeks the parents were uncertain regarding his fate. Later they received a letter saying that he was a prisoner of war, and the letter gives them assurance that he is in good health and uninjured.

Following are excerpts from Sgt. Zamarron's letter:

"I suppose by now you know I am a prisoner of war somewhere in Germany. I am in good health, uninjured, so don't worry. You may send me two packages to 11 pounds each month. Please send chocolate, candy, food and try to put in raisins, dry apricots and anything to eat that will not spoil. Also put in comb, tooth brush, powder, razor blades and razor."

Sgt. Zamarron made it plain that he could not divulge his location and urged his parents to have friends write him. He emphasized that he wanted news from home. Full information regarding packages to prisoners of war could be obtained from the Red Cross, he told his folks.

"I didn't even get scratched as we came down," he wrote. "Two of my buddies are in this camp with me. Send all the latest news," he urges at the end of the letter.

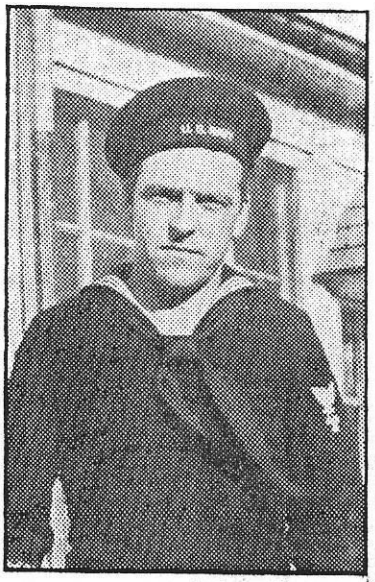
Sgt. Zamarron enlisted in the Air Corps August 27, 1942, and after training in several camps, went overseas. His plane was lost on one of its early missions. The parents live 13 miles north of St. Johns and are well known by St. Johns business firms where they come often to trade.



SGT. BENNY ZAMARRON



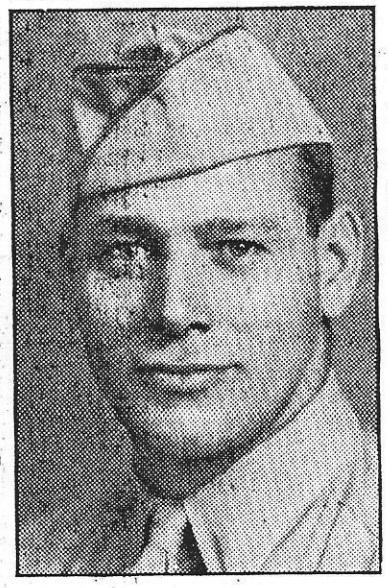
Pvt. GEORGE SIGAFOOSE is serving with the Army somewhere in the South Pacific. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sigafoose of Maple Rapids. Pvt. Sigafoose is attached to an Infantry division.



RAYMOND H. BRADLEY, M M 2-c is stationed somewhere in Australia, with the Seabees. He enlisted in September, 1943, and left for overseas in May, 1944. He is the son of Mrs. Minnie Gantz of Maple Rapids, and his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Bradley and two daughters reside in Ithaca.



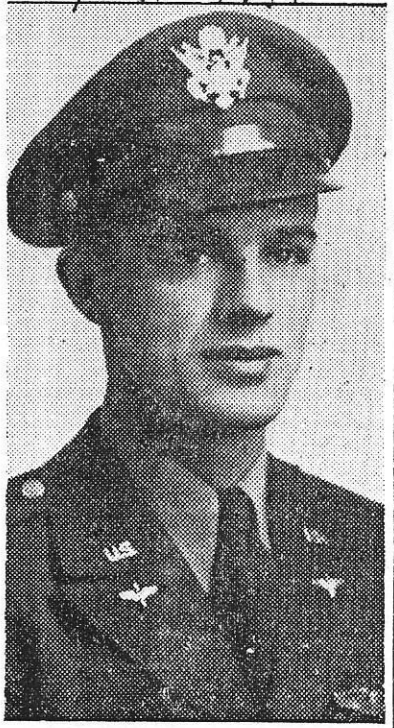
CLARE E. MAIER, F 2-c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Maier of 309 South Lansing street, St. Johns, enlisted in the Navy just previous to his graduation from the local high school in June 1944. He received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill., and at the completion of this, in August, he was assigned to Service School for training as an Electrician's Mate, also at Great Lakes. In December he graduated as an Electrician and is now serving as an E. M. on a destroyer escort in the Central Pacific. Clare has two brothers in the service, Pvt. KEITH E. MAIER, in New GUINEA, and Lt. RALPH E. MAIER, a prisoner of war in Germany.



Cpl. CHARLES D. ROSS entered service July 1, 1943, and was assigned to a Military Police Escort Guard company. He left for overseas duty in August, 1944, and is stationed somewhere in the South Pacific. His wife, Mrs. Shirley Ross and son reside here, and he is the son of Mrs. Sarah Ross of St. Johns.

BE HOME SOON

Sept 21 – 1944



LT. ROBERT C. HARPER

Missing for two months, his relatives received a cablegram this morning saying: "I am well and safe and will be home soon."

Great Rejoicing At Harper Home Sunday Evening

There was great rejoicing at the home of Mrs. Katherine Harper Sunday—and for good reason.

On July 14, Mrs. Harper received a telegram from the War Department saying that her husband, Lt. Robert C. Harper was missing over Romania, while returning from a bombing mission. Since that time, as the days went by with no word, she and Lt. Harper's family have experienced a dwindling hope for his safety.

At 10:00 o'clock Sunday evening there came the following telegram, again from the War Department:

"Am pleased to inform you report now received states your husband, Lt. Robert C. Harper, returned to military control after having been released from a prisoner of war camp in Bulgaria. If further details or other information are received you will be promptly notified."

Newspaper reports indicate that Lt. Harper was one of 350 prisoners freed by the Russian army invading Bulgaria. It is said they had been treated cruelly by their Bulgarian captors.

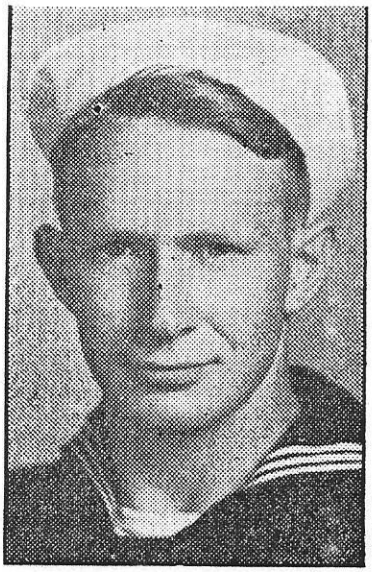


Cpl. KENNETH C. PLOWMAN, son of Mrs. Lena Plowman of Grand Ledge, formerly of Bengal, has been overseas for more than two years. He served with the Army in Ireland for some time, but was recently transferred to France.

He Saw Tarawa



PFC. DUANE R. WITT
Home after 26 months in South Pacific with the Marines.





ROBERT WALLING, B. M. 2-c, and Pvt. BURTON WALLING are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Walling of St. Johns. Robert enlisted in the Seabees and entered service in August, 1943. Prior to his enlistment he was employed at the Motor Wheel in Lansing. His wife, Mrs. Neila Walling, and son, Neil, reside in this city. Burton is serving with the Marine Corps somewhere in the South Pacific. He entered service March 8, 1944. Pvt. Walling's wife, Mrs. Eleanor Walling, and son reside in St. Johns.

Missing in Action



PFC. FLOYD PETERSON
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Peterson of near Elsie reported missing in action in France since Sept. 23.







S-Sgt. GORDON K. WAGGONER, S-Sgt. HOWARD A. WAGGONER and Pvt. WENDELL E. WAGGONER are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Waggoner of St. Johns, R-3. Gordon entered service in the fall of 1941 and has served overseas about two years. He is assigned to an Evacuation Hospital, somewhere in England. Before entering the Army he was employed by the Motor Wheel Corp. Howard has been in the Army about two years and is stationed at Chatom, Ala. He was also employed at Motor Wheel before entering service. Wendell is stationed somewhere in New Guinea. He entered service in January, 1943, and left for overseas in December, 1943. He was formerly employed by the St. Johns Furniture store before entering the Army.



Cpl. VICTOR JORAE is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Jorae of Laingsburg, Route 2. He enlisted in the service in November, 1941, and served with a tank division. Cpl. Jorae went overseas with the first troops to Africa, and was taken a German prisoner in the African campaign on Feb. 9, 1943.



GLADYS CLARA CHAPMAN has completed training at the U. S. Naval Training School at Cedar Falls, Iowa, and received the rating of Yoeman third class. She is now stationed at the WAVE's Barracks, U. S. Naval Air Station, New Orleans, La. Yoeman Chapman is the is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Chapman.



1st Lt. FOREST CONLEY, JR., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Forest Conley of Fowler. He entered service in September, 1942, and later attended Officer Candidate School at Fort Belvoir, Va. He is now serving somewhere in France with an Engineers Regiment. Before entering service Lt. Conley was employed at Matthews' Dairy for some time.

Parents Hear From Lt. Jack Carpenter's Commanding Officer

Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Carpenter received a telegram on Sept. 6 stating that their son, Lt. Rexford Jack Carpenter, had been reported a German prisoner. Last week the following letter was received from his commanding officer in Italy, which was written prior to that time:

Dear Mr. Carpenter:

Your son, 1st Lt. Rexford J. Carpenter, as pilot on one of our Liberators, participated in a bombing mission on August 3, 1944. I am sorry to confirm the War Department's notification that he is missing in action.

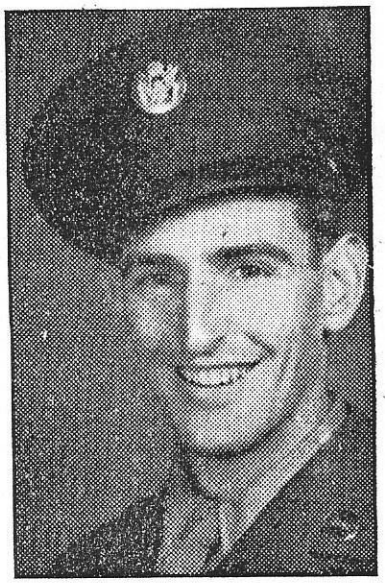
Jack's ship was on its way to Friedrichshafen, Germany, and according to the information in my possession, it developed engine trouble. The plane was still able to maneuver on the three remaining engines and turned toward its field. Since the plane was under control there is a possibility that the entire crew bailed out after leaving the sight of the formation. I assure you that any additional information as to Jack's whereabouts will be forwarded to you immediately by the War Department.

The action that Jack saw in this theater was vital to our successful operations. He was awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters for heroic participation in many of these missions. My heartfelt sympathy is extended to you in these days of anxiety.

N. F. TWINING,
Major General, U. S. A.
Commanding.



Pvt. JOHN F. CAUDY is serving with an Infantry division somewhere in France. He entered service Oct. 29, 1943 and left for overseas duty in April, 1944. His wife, Mrs. Evangeline Caudy, and infant son, reside here. Before entering service, Pvt. Caudy owned and operated the City Laundry.



Pfc. Lee J. Miller was inducted into the Army in October, 1943 and left for overseas duty in February, 1944. He served in Italy for some time as a machine gunner in the 36th Infantry Division and is now with the 7th Army in France. His wife, Mrs. Helen Jane Miller, and two sons reside here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Splane.



Pfc. MICHAEL BREZULA was inducted into the Army March 4, 1942 and is serving with a Tank Destroyer Battalion somewhere overseas. He has an APO number out of New York. Pfc. Brezula is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brezula.

DECORATED



LT. HENRY S. TABER

Lt. Taber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Taber of Lebanon township, recently received the air medal and oak leaf cluster. He is a navigator on a B-17 bomber which the crew has named "Stage Door Canteen" and was christened by Princess Elizabeth of England and Mary Churchill, daughter of the prime minister. Sixteen years ago Lt. Taber, then a small child, was confined to Clinton Memorial hospital for many weeks in a fracture bed—a broken leg which he received in an automobile accident.

GETTING READY FOR THE BIG PUSH



DURING ALLIED TANK MANEUVERS in England, two of the world's best known soldiers take time out to examine a carbine. Casting expert eyes on the rapid-firer are Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, chief of Allied forces for the invasion of western Europe, and Gen. Bernard L. Montgomery, head of British ground forces for the big job. (*International*)

Joins WAC



LILLIAN LAMB

Miss Lillian Lamb, daughter of Mrs. George Lamb of this city, recently enlisted in the Women's Army Corps and left Monday, Jan. 10 for Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., to begin her recruit training.

Miss Lamb attended the local schools, and for some time has been employed as a trained nurses' attendant. She was at St. Joseph's hospital in Flint for 15 months, and the past six months was at St. Mary's hospital, Marquette. Her brother, Sgt. Francis Lamb, is serving with the Army somewhere overseas.



Cpl. ROBERT JAMES PRATT is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Pratt of this city. He entered service in March, 1941, and left for overseas duty in June. He is now stationed somewhere in the South Pacific according to word received by his parents.



Pfc. FREDERICK J. HORNING, who is assigned to the Medical Detachment of the Army Air Forces, entered service Feb. 3, 1943. He left for overseas duty in August and was stationed in North Africa. Pfc. Horning is the fourth generation in one family to enter service. He was graduated from Bath high school, and worked his father's farm until entering service.



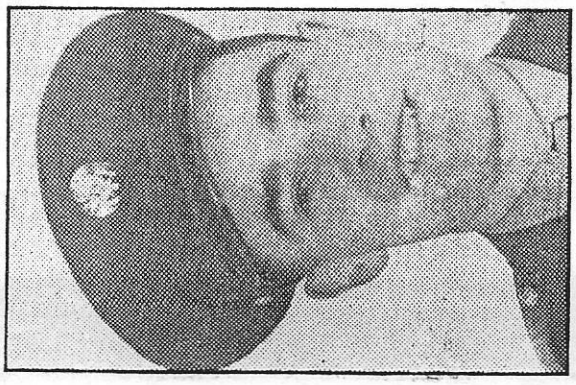
S/Sgt. CHARLES D. HOLDEN is now stationed at Philadelphia, Pa., after serving 31 months at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., with the Ordnance division in the Supply section. S/Sgt. Holden, who is better known here as "Wayne," is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Holden, and his wife is Mrs. Arlene Holden.



Pvt. Archie Falor, son of Mrs. Edna Falor of Fowler entered service in January, 1944. He was attached to an Infantry division and was stationed at Fort McClellan, Ala. Before entering service he worked on a farm near Fowler.

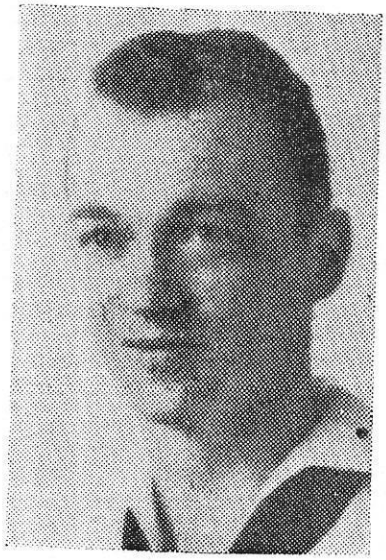


Guy E. Smith, S 2-c is the son of Mrs. Minnie Smith of this city. He was a former resident of St. Johns, but at the time he entered service was residing in Detroit. He is serving with the Navy at Monterey, Cal.



Cpl. EARL J. WHITLOCK, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitlock of Greenbush township, is stationed somewhere in England. He was inducted on Sept. 5, 1942, and is attached to the Army Air Forces.

Fighting For U. S. In Western Pacific.



STANLEY HINER



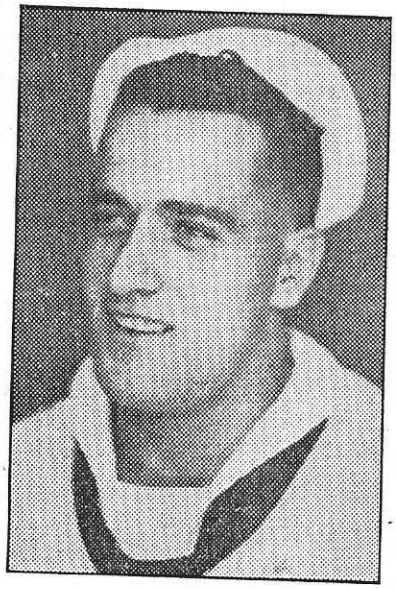
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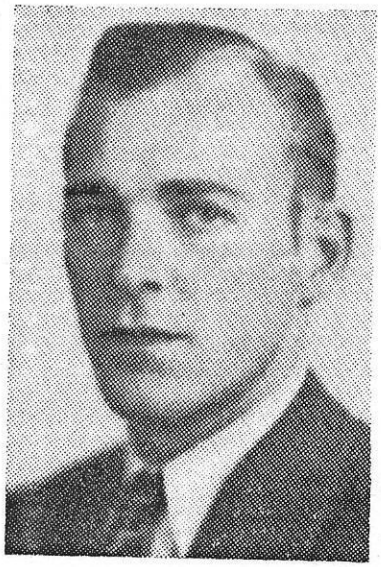
JACK STURGIS



HARRY SHOUP



DONALD FIFIELD



REX SWAGART

These six Clinton county young men (there may be others) are in the armed service of the United States in the Hawaiian and Philippine Islands where the Japanese staged their surprise invasion Sunday, admittedly causing loss of life nd damage to naval and military quipment.

No word has been received from any of these six soldiers, sailors and marines since the outbreak of the war. Their parents believe, however, that had they been numbered among the casualties official word of that fact would already have reached here. The whole county hopes they escaped unscathed, and that they will be joined soon by many more comrades in arms to help speed the day of victory for this country.

STANLEY HINER is an engineer aboard the U. S. S. Raleigh at Pearl Harbor. The son of Clyde Hiner of Lebanon, he enlisted in the Navy in May, 1938, about a year after graduating from Fowler high school. He has been stationed in Hawaii for more than two years.

HARRY SHOUP, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shoup of Bengal, is an airplane mechanic on the U. S. S. Lexington, an airplane carrier, at Honolulu. A former St. Johns high school student he enlisted in the Navy last Spring and trained at Great Lakes and Seattle before taking ship for Hawaii.

REX SWAGART has served in the army since March, 1941. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Swagart of Bengal, and a graduate of St. Johns high school. He was stationed at Camp Wallace and Fort Bliss in Texas before sailing for the Philippines in September. He is serving with the coast artillery at Fort Stotsenburg, 45 miles north of Manila on the island of Luzon.

way Island, now possibly in the hands of the Japs, and left Midway the last time in September of this year to return to Honolulu.

RUSSELL T. GREEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Green of Olive, is a 1st Class Seaman aboard the U. S. S. Dale at Pearl Harbor. Russell enlisted in January, 1941, and got his training at Great Lakes before being assigned to the Dale and sailing for Honolulu.

DONALD FIFIELD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fifield of St. Johns, and a former student in the local schools, has served in the Navy more than a year and is in the torpedo school at the U. S. submarine base at Pearl Harbor. His last letter was written Nov. 25 when he was a patient in the Naval Hospital in Honolulu recovering from an illness.

JACK STURGIS, whose father, Howard Sturgis, operates the Sturgis radio and electric shop at St. Johns, is an anti-aircraft machine gunner with the U. S. Marine Corps at the Navy yard, Pearl Harbor. After graduating from St. Johns high school in June, 1939, Jack enlisted the next November, trained at Parris Island, S. C., and arrived at Honolulu May 7, 1940. Since then he has served several months at two different periods on Mid-

Ex-St. Johns Boy Sails South Seas With Fleet

Donald F field Writes of Trip in Letter to Former Teacher

Miss Minnie Barrington, city librarian and former principal of the Central school, recently received a letter from Donald Fifield, one of her former pupils. Don is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fifield and from the following letter one gathers that he is enjoying his training in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and is seeing some interesting far places in the world:

Dear Miss Barrington:

This might seem a strange letter to you seeing whom it is from. I happened to think of your name so I thought I would drop you a line to let you know what one of your old pupils is doing at the present time. Well, I really don't know what to say to make this letter interesting, but I will do my best. I am in the Navy as you can see from the enclosed picture and I have been in about 13 months. I went to San Diego last November and stayed there for three weeks and then I came out here and have been here ever since.

I have never seen such beautiful country as there is out here in The Land of Sunshine—I mean Hawaii. I never met and got acquainted with so many boys and people as I did when I came into the Navy and took a month's tour down in Auckland, New Zealand, last March.

First thing we did was go to Samoa. That place was very nice and just about all the people there were natives. We only stayed there for three days, so we didn't mind it much. From there we went to New Zealand and what a place that was. They gave us the biggest welcome I have ever seen or heard of in my life.

The funny part of it was that every thing was free to us, street cars, movies, fancy tea parties, dance clubs. Everything is up-to-date down there and besides that the most beautiful girls you laid eyes on were there—English, Australian, and most every other kind of race there is. They have very lovely homes, most all of them yellow, with red tile roofs, very pretty indeed.

They took us on trips through the country free of charge. It is too bad they don't let us have cameras so we could have taken some mighty fine pictures as we were stopping from place to place.

Well, I have to make this letter brief, so I will try and give you all the details. We stayed there in New Zealand four days, then to sea again headed for Tahiti, a little island about 2000 miles south of Hawaii. That place was very lovely, but not so good for us because there were only natives there. Of course, about the only thing the boys went ashore for was to buy a



DONALD FIFIELD

few of those wonderful drinks, and then come back on ship. We stayed for three days and we headed back for Pearl Harbor and have been here ever since. I don't know when I will get back to the States, but when I do I will try to come home.

I am going to torpedo school right now and am getting along nicely and like it very much. I am sorry I can not think of more to write. I am sending you a picture of where I sleep and eat. So will close for this time, hoping to get a reply to this letter.

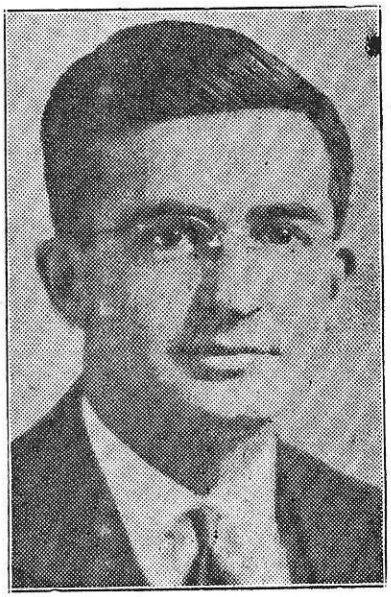
Sincerely,
Donald J. Fifield,
U.S. Submarine Base
Pearl Harbor, T. H.
Torpedo School.

America's Hero



This closeup of Gen. Douglas MacArthur is believed to be the last made of him before the Japanese invasion of the Philippines. Even at ease he looks the indomitable fighting man of whom his country is so rightfully proud.

NAVAL OFFICER



LIEUT. EDWARD F. KELLY

After enlisting in the U. S. Navy and receiving his commission as lieutenant, junior grade, Dr. Edward F. (Ned) Kelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Kelly of St. Johns, who has been associated with Charity Hospital, New Orleans, La., the past three years, reported for duty Monday of this week at Norfolk Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va.

Leads Africa Invasion



It was officially announced by the War Department that Lieut. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower has been named commander in chief of the combined American and British forces invading French North Africa. Eisenhower rose in one year from Lieut. Col. to Lieut. General.

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Wins Decoration in Europe



STAFF SERGEANT THERON S. TUPPER

WINS MEDAL IN U.S. AIR FORCES

S-Sgt. Theron S. Tupper Given Award For Gallantry In European War Theater

Staff Sgt. Theron Stuart Tupper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn A. Tupper, of St. Johns, Sunday received a double decoration for gallant achievement in England. "Stu", as his St. Johns companions knew him, received the Air Medal and the Oak Leaf Cluster, the latter showing that his decoration was twice won. He was one of three out of 120 flyers decorated. who received this double honor. The designation was "for meritorious service reflecting the highest credit on the U. S. armed forces."

No particulars regarding the circumstances surrounding the achievement of Sgt. Tupper were contained in the published reports.

Along with the local boy Elden W. Audiss of Endeavor, Wis., and Llye C. Woods of Plankington, S. D., both technical sergeants, won the oak leaf cluster for double merit.

Sgt. Tupper trained at Keesler Field, Biloxi; Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho, and at Alamogordo, N. M., and arrived at Fort Custer, Mich., about Sept. 1 with his crew to await delivery of a new bomber. Several weeks were spent at Custer getting the new plane ready for combat service and some time in October the crew left for overseas.

Several letters received by Mr. and Mrs. Tupper indicated that Stuart was in England. One dated on a December evening indicated that "we have a big day ahead" and a later

Oak Leaf Cluster



LT. LAWRENCE W. WARD

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ward of Dewitt, received the Oak Leaf Cluster from Brig. Gen. Truman H. Landon early in April after he had flown in combat over the Marshalls in the South Pacific. The honor came almost exactly two years after Lt. Ward entered the service as an aviation cadet. He trained in California and New Mexico and received his wings as a bombardier. He was recently promoted to First Lieutenant.

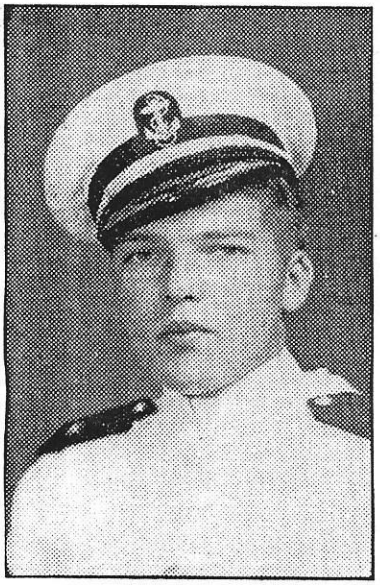


Pfc. ROBERT TAYLOR is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor of this city. He is stationed at Florence, S. C., with the Quartermaster division of the Army Air Forces. Pfc. Taylor was inducted in August, 1942. His brother, T-Sgt. Ronald J. Taylor was recently reported missing in action over Germany.

Oct 1942

Roscoe Hansens Completes Initial Flight Training

Aviation Cadet Roscoe C. Hansens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Hansens of St. Johns R-6, has completed initial flight training at a Navy Pre-Flight school at Chapel Hill, N. C., and has been transferred to Kansas City for primary instruc-



ROSCOE C. HANSENS

tion. He arrived home last Thursday on furlough, and left Tuesday for Kansas City.

Cadet Hansens volunteered into the regular navy in June, 1941, as a metalsmith, was stationed at Great Lakes, Chicago then Norfolk, Va. At Norfolk his commanding officer suggested he try for flight training and he was one of eight men chosen from the 32,000 in the area for that training. He must now complete three months primary training and then three months advanced training before winning his wings in the navy air service.

Receives Call To Report For Duty

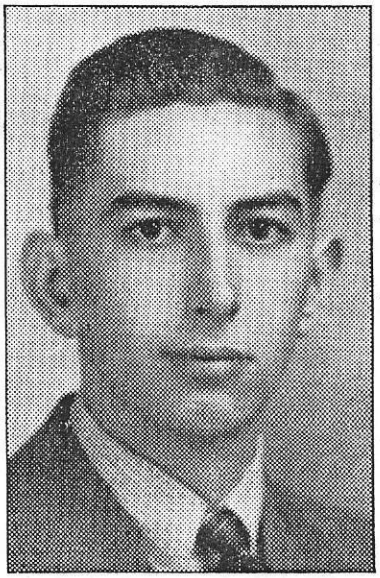


LT. C. S. CLARK, JR.

C. S. Clark, Jr., former co-publisher of the Clinton County Republican-News and ex-postmaster, left Friday to report the next day to the commander of the Eastern Sea Frontier at New York. He was recently commissioned as a lieutenant in the aviation corps of the United States Naval Reserve.

Since its organization late in 1940 Mr. Clark has served as chairman of the Clinton county Civilian Defense Council. His successor was appointed by Gov. Kelly last week.

In Australia



JACK WILLIAMS

St. Johns young man, who has written his parents that he has arrived safely in Australia. A letter from him is published on another page.



LIEUT JAMES KELLY

St. Johns Flyer Now Ready For Combat Duty as Bomber Pilot

Lieut. James H. Kelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Kelly of 203 South Oakland street, St. Johns, will receive his silver "wings" Friday at Ellington Field, Texas, and will begin active flying duty at once as a bomber pilot in the United States Army Air Corps.

Lieut. Kelly is a graduate of St. Johns, had attended Michigan State College, and had taken flying instructions at a school at Flint before he left in February for army air corps training at Kelly Field, Texas.

He is one of a group of 103 fledgling flyers from Michigan at seven advanced flying schools of the Gulf Coast Training Center who get their "wings" Friday. The group is now ready for combat duty.

Represent All U. S.

Every section of the United States, Latin America and even Chantung, China, was represented on the huge class roster, the ninth group to graduate since Pearl Harbor. The exact number is a military secret.

The mechanics' role in modern air warfare was recognized by this class which established a tradition by selecting a crew chief at each field as an honorary member of their group. Absent at Friday's ceremony will be the fanfare of airplanes roaring overhead, speeches and long ceremonies at this wartime graduation. The pilots will march up, receive their silver wings, salute smartly and turn, ready to begin active flying duty. All the men have requested immediate duty.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Kelly and Dr. and Mrs. John R. Kelly of Petoskey are in Texas to attend the graduation of their son and brother.

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35 Selectees Were Called In The May Draft But 3 Missed The Train



Here are 32 of the 35 men Clinton county furnished for the draft army this month. Three of the group, shown above at the St. Johns depot Monday waiting for the afternoon passenger for Detroit, missed the train, while three others, who proved camera shy, caught the train but missed the picture. One of the trio left behind (all three were busy bidding the girl friends goodbye) was Floyd Glumm, Eagle township farmer, fourth from right, lower row. The other two were Raymond Clark, Grand Ledge post office clerk, first to the right of Glumm, and Norman Weber, Fowler restaurant employe, standing directly behind Clark. The train missers were sent to Detroit via the 6:30 o'clock bus, and arrived safely, better late than never. The lone volunteer pictured above is Ernest H. Schultz of Ovid R-2, fifth man to the right of Weber. Schultz, Weber and two others were rejected.

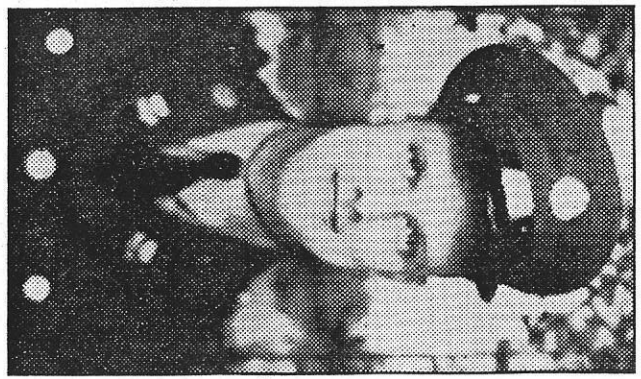
TRANSFERRED



JOHN MITCHELL

Former Republican-News reporter and camera man who has been transferred to a Florida flying field after several months' training in western camps. "My next jump," says Johnnie, "may be to South America." See story on page 7.

Alaska Bound



Pvt. HARRY B. CARPENTER, JR.

St. Johns boy who enlisted in the Air Corps Nov. 10 and left Keesler Field, Miss., for Alaska. He was one of a group of men to be sent to the far north with the Air Corps administrative department.

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Gets Army Call



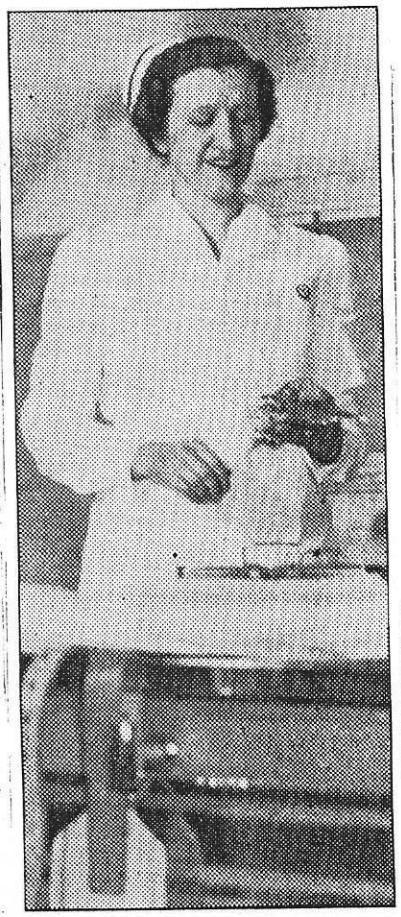


Capt. CARL V. ERNST, JOHN F. ERNST, JR., Petty Officer 1st Class, Pfc. LEWIS C. ERNST and Lt. WILLIAM S. ERNST are the sons of John F. Ernst of Lansing. Carl, who enlisted in January, 1941, is an instructor in the Army Air Forces at Coffeeville, Kas. His wife was the former Joan Eddinger of Fowler, and they have three sons. John enlisted in January, 1942, and is serving somewhere overseas with the Navy Air Forces, as a Link trainer instructor. His wife, Mrs. Donna Ernst,





and two daughters reside in Lansing. Lewis, who was employed by the Ann Arbor Press prior to his induction in April, 1942, is serving with the Army in California, as a radio technician. William was commissioned lieutenant in the Army Air Forces in November, 1943, and left for overseas duty this spring as co-pilot on a bomber. He entered service in February, 1942, and before that time had resided for many years with Mr. and Mrs. William F. Ernst of near Fowler.

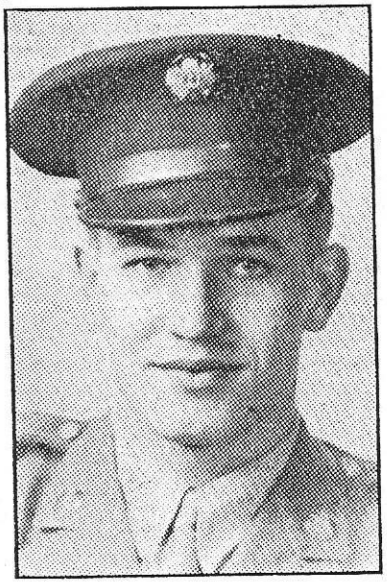


MISS LUCY TAGG

Surgical nurse at Clinton Memorail Hospital left Monday for Camp Lee, Va., where she will be commissioned a second lieutenant and serve as an Army nurse. She was accompanied by Miss Florence Fike, another surgical nurse here, who plans to enter the same service.



Pvt. Willis I. Cressman is serving somewhere overseas with an Armored Infantry division. He left for overseas duty in November and was stationed in North Africa. Pvt. Cressman was formerly of Dewitt, where his wife now resides.



Sgt. ARTHUR F. NEWMAN now has an APO number out of New York City. He entered service Jan. 19, 1943 and previously was employed by Rosevale Packing Co. His wife resides in Dewitt.



LT. LEONARD W. BOND

Saturday July 22, Leonard W. Bond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur C. Bond, of Walker road, R-6, St. Johns, received his wings and commission as a 2nd lieutenant at Carlsbad Army Air Field, New Mexico. Lt. Bond completed his training as a bombardier and becomes one of the triple-threat men of the air corps, having completed training in dead reckoning navigation and gunnery as well as the regular bombardiering course. He is a former graduate of Rodney B. Wilson high school and attended Michigan State College at East Lansing.

JOIN THE NAVY

Among the young men to be enlisted in the U. S. Navy during the past week were Gerald Clyde Faiver, R-4 St. Johns, and Adam Michael Schaefer of Fowler. Faiver, who enlisted in the Naval Reserve, is ambitious to become a radioman. Schaefer's ambition is to become a printer in the U. S. Navy.

In England



LIEUT. ROBERT PERRY

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry of Dewitt

On the Pacific



RUSSELL T. GREEN

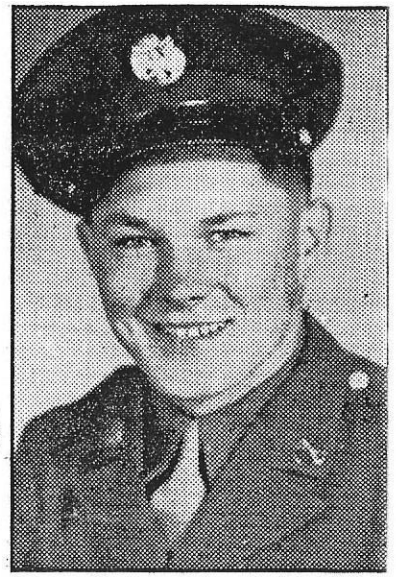
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Green of Olive

In Alaska



FRED SYKORA

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sykora of Greenbush



Pvt. ROBERT G. SHERWOOD entered service Dec. 29, 1943, and was assigned to an Infantry Tank battalion. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shorwood of St. Johns R-6, and now has an APO number out of New York City.



HARRY R. ANDERSON, R. M. 3-c and N. G. DEAN, W. T. 2-c, are the sons of Levi J. Dean of near Maple Rapids. Harry enlisted in March, 1943, and is now serving somewhere at sea. N. G. enlisted in July, 1941, and was serving on a ship at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. He has also served in the Southwest Pacific and at Attu. At present he is receiving special schooling in Florida.

Survivors of Lexington Include Bengal Sailor

Harry Shoup Rescued When Giant Carrier Sinks; "Safe in Port"

On the Lexington, giant U. S. airplane carrier, when she went down May 8 after the Battle of the Coral Sea, was Harry Shoup, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shoup of Bengal township. More than a month after the sinking came the good news from Harry that he was safe and sound and had just arrived in port. His message, dated June 4, was dispatched from San Diego, Calif.

A former St. Johns high school student, Harry enlisted in the U. S. Navy early in 1940. He trained at Great Lakes and Seattle before taking ship for Honolulu and was serving as an airplane mechanic on the Lexington at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack.

In the Coral Sea battle the giant ship was bombed, machine-gunned and torpedoed, but the Jap assailants were beaten off and it was not until hours after they had retreated that the Lexington, wracked by internal explosions and fire, finally went down. There were some casualties suffered in the attack, and others resulted from the explosions, but every one of the survivors was rescued before the waters of the Pacific closed over the gallant carrier.



HARRY SHOUP



Sgt. MARTIN PANIK, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Panik of Elsie, is stationed somewhere in England. He entered service June 30, 1941, and is attached to the Medical Corps of the Army Air Forces. He left for overseas duty in May, 1943. Sgt. Panik worked with his father on the farm before entering service.



Pvt. CLAUDE JOLLEY was inducted Nov. 21, 1942, and was sent to Camp Claiborne, La., where he received his basic training with the Medical Corps. Six months later he volunteered for paratroop training at Fort Benning, Ga., and after completing his schooling was assigned to a cadre training new recruits. Pvt. Jolley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Jolley of this city.

"I Shall Do My Best"



Here is one of the latest and hitherto unpublished photos of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, with the new United Nations commander at salute. Australia has given him a hero's welcome and has united all its defenses under his command with his promise that "I shall do my best . . . I shall keep the soldier's faith."

Popular Local Airman Missing Over Romania

On July 1 Lt. Robert C. Harper bomber pilot, wrote a letter addressed to his young wife, Mrs. Kathryn Harper of St. Johns and their infant daughter, Diana, whom he had never seen, saying, "Don't write me here after July 31, for I expect to be on my way home." The letter made frequent references to the baby and his great longing to see her.

Friday, July 14, about 1:00 p. m., Clarence Lake delivered a telegram. It was the usual stereotyped form of the War Department saying that Lt. Robert C. Harper had been missing since July 3 over Romania. Since Friday the young wife has been studying the maps of that section of the war area. She is hoping, of course, he is a prisoner of war. Tuesday came a letter saying that he was on a mission over Ploesti and Brasov, Romania.

After getting his wings and his commission as a second lieutenant, Lt. Harper went overseas about Christmas. He was at first stationed in North Africa and later, it is believed, was flying from the large airfield captured early in the year near Foggio, Italy. In none of his letters had Lt. Harper divulged his immediate whereabouts. Press reports of July 4 stated that a large group of bombers flew over Romania bombing the oil fields which supplied the Germans.

Missing along with Lt. Harper was 1st Lt. George Hillman, Jr., of Saginaw. It is believed they were flying together. Both had nearly completed their allotted missions. These two young men entered the service together and remained together throughout their training in Nashville, Tenn., Maxwell and Gunner Fields in Alabama, Douglas, Ga., at George Field in Illinois where they graduated, and in their final training at four midwest fields.

Harper and Hillman had become fast friends and were delighted when they went overseas together, received their promotions and Oak Leaf decorations at the same time, and finally by some arrangement, flew on the same plane although both were pilots. "Nothing will suit us better than to eat, sleep and fly together," Lt. Harper wrote his wife on June 20.

On Sunday, July 16, Hillman's parents in Saginaw received the same telegram regarding their son. Mrs. Harper believes they were on the same plane on July 3. In his last letter of July 1, Lt. Harper wrote indicating that both would soon be relieved to come home and said, "Our dreams are constantly turning to home and those we love."

Because of his fine personality and wide acquaintance, Lt. Harper was one of St. Johns most popular young men and all his friends are hoping that word soon comes that he landed safely and will eventually come back to his home here. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Harper of St. Johns.



1ST. LT. ROBERT C. HARPER

LIEUT. GELLER REPORTED DEAD

FAMILY NOT CONVINCED POPULAR YOUNG MAN HAS BEEN LOST

Well Known Baseball Player Believed to Have Been in Normandy Invasion

"We refuse to believe that Norman is gone," Mrs. Adeline Geller, young wife of Lt. Norman Geller, said Wednesday. "The telegram which came Saturday noon said he was killed in action on July 5. I had a letter from him dated July 5 in which he said nothing about being in combat or that he was in danger," she said as the sturdy two-year-old son, Tommy, came into the room.

This is the hopeful viewpoint of not only the wife, but also the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Geller of Olive. There have been cases of where lists of casualties have been mixed up and the family firmly believes they will hear from their husband and son soon.

Lt. Geller was one of St. Johns most popular young men. For several years he was a member of the St. Johns baseball team which played each week at the City Park,

Reported Dead



LT. NORMAN GELLER

and was also a catcher on the St. Joseph softball team in those years before the war when there were league games at the park.

Lt. Geller entered service in November, 1942, and first trained at Camp Robinson, Ark. He was selected for officer training and qualified for his rank of lieutenant at Fort Benning, Ga., June 2, 1943, after which he was stationed at several camps in the Carolinas and Tennessee.

Letters indicated he went to England in May and was in the invasion forces in Normandy. Several letters came from him after reaching France, one which expressed the wish that his brother, Sgt. Stanley Geller, now in England, would not have to go "through the hell" of the fighting.

In May, about the time he left for overseas, he and Mrs. Geller purchased the home at 310 West Baldwin street of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smit. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic church in St. Johns. A wide circle of acquaintances and friends in this community join with the family in the hope that the report of his death was false.

33 Selectees Leave for Detroit Monday; Accept 26, Reject 7



Snapped Monday afternoon shortly before train time the above picture shows the 33 draftees who left St. Johns June 2 for Detroit where they were given a final examination for military training. Twenty-six were accepted and inducted into the nation's new army, but 7 were rejected and sent home. The rejectees include Leandro Reyes, second from left, standing, who was credited to his home county in Texas; Urban Thelen, Fowler R-2, fifth from right, standing; George Olney, Dewitt R-1, first on left, front row; Robert Wooley, Elsie, fifth from left, kneeling; L. J. Jolls, Maple Rapids, third man to the right of Wooley, first row; and Max DeFoe, Bath R-1, third from right, kneeling. The 7th rejectee, Cecil Miller, St. Johns R-6, could not be identified in the picture. Jolls and Olney were volunteers. DeFoe, who had been celebrating his departure, entertained the crowd with a patriotic speech before train time, but despite his patriotism an old shoulder dislocation prevented his career as a soldier, but not, 'tis rumored, as a speech-maker.



Pvt. ROBERT E. FORMAN is serving as a Coast Guardsman in the Anti Aircraft Artillery division on an island in the South Pacific. He is the grandson of Mrs. William Forman of Dewitt, R-2.



Pvt. ROBERT W. ACTON is serving with a Cavalry Reconnaisance Troop, somewhere in Italy. He entered service Oct. 6, 1942 and left for overseas duty in Nov., 1943. He was stationed in North Africa for several months before moving to Italy. Before his induction into the Army Pvt. Acton was employed for five years at the Clinton Theatre. His wife, Mrs. Thelma Acton and son, Bill, reside in St. Johns.

Dewitt, Westphalia and St. Johns Homes Saddened by Grim News of the Toll of War in France and Italy

Killed in Action



PFC. DONALD ALFRED HANSEN



PFC. RUSSELL RIBBY

Pfc. Russell Ribby, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ribby of Dewitt township, was killed in France July 11, according to a telegram received Sunday from the War Department. Pfc. Ribby entered service Jan. 26, 1942, and received a similar training to that of Pfc. Hansen—at San Luis Obispo, Calif., Camp Rucker, Ala., and at Camp Butner, N. C. He left for overseas about June 1.

During the past week three Clinton county service men have been reported killed. All were serving with the American forces in France. Pfc. Theodore Schafer was the first Westphalia man to be lost. Reports also came of the wounding of several Clinton county men. Mrs. Wahl, Westphalia correspondent, writes:

"The tragedy of war struck for the first time in Westphalia last week when a telegram from the war department announced the death of Pfc. Theodore (Teddy) Schafer, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Nick Schafer, and a brother of Mrs. Leo Goodman. He is the first man from Westphalia to be killed in action.

"Pfc. Schafer was born in August, 1918, only a few months before the first world war ended. He was employed by the Valley City Milling Co. at Portland before he went into service in June, 1942, and had made his home with his oldest sister, Mrs. Arnold Gross, of that village. He had been in England for about a year. The oldest brother, Pfc. Sylvester Schafer, is also in France, and another brother, Robert, has been in the Pacific for many months, and is expected home at any time as bundles of clothing had arrived home the day before the news of Teddy's death. There are two other sisters, Mrs. Arnold Gross of Portland and Mrs. Gerald Schafer of Ionia.

"A requiem mass was said at St. Mary's church for Pfc. Schafer on Saturday morning."

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hansen of 815 North Clinton avenue, St. Johns, received a telegram Tuesday evening telling that their son, Pfc. Donald Alfred Hansen, was killed in action in France July 17. Pfc. Hansen, more familiarly known among his St. Johns friends as Alfred, or "Al," was inducted into service Jan. 26, 1943, at Kalamazoo and received his basic training at San Luis Obispo, Calif.

He later received training at Camp Rucker, Ala., in Tennessee, and at Camp Butner, N. C., he was chosen with eight other men for special mountain climbing training in the west. He went to England this spring and into France with invasion forces.

Besides the parents, he is survived by a brother, Jack, and two sisters, Olive Lee and Rosalie, all of whom live with the parents. Pfc. Hansen attended high school in St. Johns and for a time was employed at the Wing grocery where his brother, Jack, now works.

Mrs. Clara Bengel, of Westphalia, was advised Wednesday that her son, Clifford, was slightly wounded in Italy. In a letter from Sgt. Benge, he told his mother that he had been injured by a mine, was in a hospital, but expected to be released soon. Sgt. Bengel is the second Westphalia man wounded, Ronald Spitzley having been wounded in the shoulder and leg at Anzio beach some weeks ago.

According to word received from the War Department, Pvt. Richard Lover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lover of near Elsie, was wounded in action somewhere in France on July 20. Pvt. Lover, who is serving with an Infantry division, left for overseas duty in January, 1944.

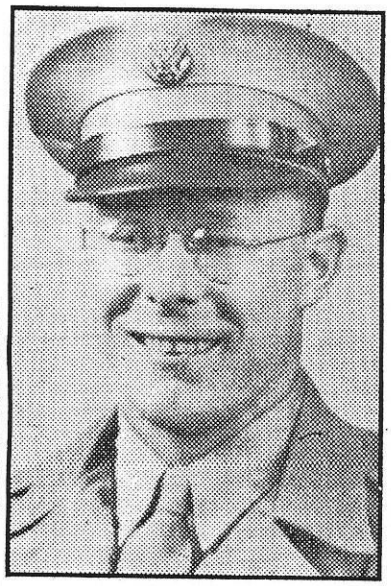
Word has also been received by Mr. and Mrs. Ora Beckwith of Valley Farms that their son, R. V. Beckwith, has been injured in action.



Lt. LEO SOMERS is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Somers of Maple Rapids. He entered service in January, 1943, and received his pilot wings and commission in October, 1943, at Midland, Texas. He has been serving with the Army Air Forces somewhere in Italy the past few months. On July 28 he wrote his parents that he had completed 50 missions over enemy territory and expected to return to the States in the near future.



Pvt. AARON ORDWAY is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Ordway of this city. He entered service Feb. 24, 1943 and was stationed at Camp McCoy, Wis., with a Quartermaster Service Dept., for some time. He is now at Camp Ellis, Ill.





Cpl. EDMUND L. RADKE and Sgt. JACOB E. RADKE, JR., are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Radke of Dewitt R-1. Edmund entered service March 4, 1942, and is serving with an Infantry division at Fort Lewis, Wash. Jacob has served in the Army since May 13, 1941, and is an instructor at Fort Sheridan, Ill.



Pfc. WENDELL A. DEVEREAUX was inducted into the Army Jan. 26, 1943, and is serving with the Medical Corps in England. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Devereaux of Dewitt, R-2, and his wife, Mrs. Ellen Devereaux, resides in this city. Before entering service, Pfc. Devereaux was employed by the Rosevale Packing Co.

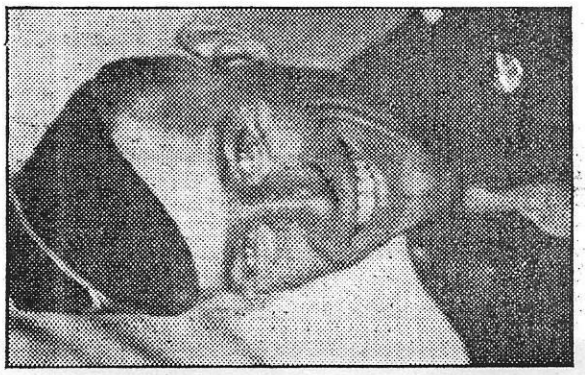




Cpl. CLIFF W. PHILLIPS and Lt. LEWIS S. PHILLIPS, JR., are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis S. Phillips of near Dewitt. Cpl. Phillips, who was employed by Michigan Bell Telephone Co., enlisted in the Army May 13, 1943. He received six months specialist schooling in Chicago, before being transferred to Camp Crowder, Mo. For the past year he has been a technical instructor in the Signal Corps School there. Lt. Phillips received his pilot's wings and commission as second lieutenant at Stuttgart Army Air Field, Ark., in May, 1944. He is now stationed at Columbus, O.



Pvt. DELMAR L. LEFFLER is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Leffler of Dewitt R-1. He was inducted into the Army Dec. 8th and assigned to a Quartermaster division. He was recently transferred from Fort Crook, Nebr., to Camp Reynolds, Pa. Before induction Pvt. Leffler was employed at the Nash Kelvinator in Lansing.



Pvt. MICHAEL GALVACH is serving with an Infantry division somewhere in Italy. He entered service Oct. 7, 1943, and left for overseas duty in March, 1944. His wife, Mrs. Maxine Galvach, resides in this city.

JACK CARPENTER MISSING AUG. 3

LIBERATOR PILOT HAD RECENTLY BEEN PROMOTED

Pewamo Boy in Hospital with Damaged Arm; Another Ovid Soldier Killed

A telegram came this morning from the War Department saying that Lt. Rexford J. (Jack) Carpenter, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carpenter of St. Johns, had been missing since August 3. The family, including Cpl. Harry Carpenter, Jr., were at Crystal Lake vacationing and the message was relayed to them by telephone. Cpl. Carpenter recently returned from 31 months in Alaska.

Lt. Jack Carpenter was recently promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant. He was a bomber pilot with the 15th Army Air Force operating in the North African war area, and carrying the war deep into the heart of German occupied Europe. A recent letter to his parents indicated that he had completed more than 30 missions and was on his third plane, two others having been badly damaged by enemy flak. A third son, Sgt. Merrill Carpenter is in the Marines and somewhere in the South Pacific area.

Lt. Carpenter graduated from St. Johns high school in 1940 and worked odd hours in the A & P store in St. Johns. He enlisted November 9, 1942 and received his commission as a Second Lieutenant January 7, 1944. His father is a veteran employe of the St. Johns postoffice.

Pewamo Boy Wounded

Sgt. Jed C. Vance, 21, of the 313th Infantry, was wounded in action in France July 15, according to word recently received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Vance of Pewamo. Sgt. Vance, who is hospitalized in England, did not reveal the extent of his wound except to say that it was an arm that was damaged and indicated that he would be in the hospital until after his birthday (September 10). Vance entered the service January 19, 1943, and trained at Fort Brady (Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.), Camp Rucker, Ala., and at Camp Phillips, Kan. He went overseas in April.

Missing



1ST. LT. REXFORD J. CARPENTER

Wounded



SGT. JED C. VANCE



Pvt. ALBERT B. CRIPPIN is serving with the Army somewhere in England. He entered service Oct. 7, 1943, and left for overseas duty in April, 1944. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Crippin. His wife and infant son also reside in St. Johns.



Pvt. LEO B. GILMORE is the son of Mrs. Pearl Gilmore of Eagle R-1. He entered service in January, 1944, and was stationed at Fort McClellan, Ala., for training in a heavy weapons outfit.



Sgt. RONALD W. MOTZ was inducted in the Army March 17, 1942, and received his basic training at Camp Chaffee, Ark. In Jan. 1943 he was sent to Fort Knox, Ky., where he attended radio school, graduating May 5. He was then stationed at Camp Cooke, Calif., until leaving for overseas duty. Sgt. Motz who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Motz of Ashley R-1, is serving somewhere in England with a Tank battalion.





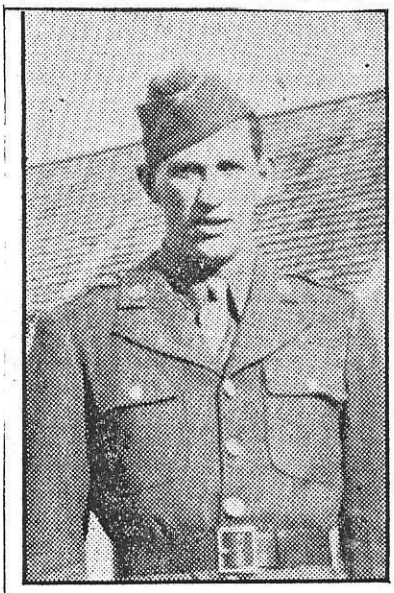
WELLINGTON R. STEVENS, M. M. 2-c, and W. COLLIER STEVENS, S 2-c, father and son, who are serving with the Seabees and Navy. Wellington "Buster" entered service in September, 1943, and is a Machinist Mate. He was formerly employed at the Nash-Kelvinator in Lansing. Collier entered service in September, 1943, and left for overseas duty in March, 1944. Mrs. Wellington Stevens resides at St. Johns R-5.



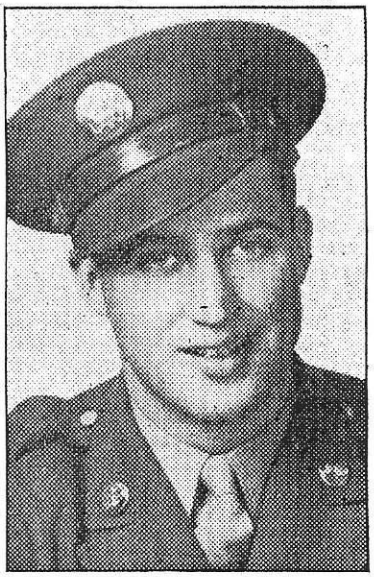
Pvt. HARLEY LEWIS, son of Mrs. Edna Lewis, is serving with a Mobile Refrigeration Co., somewhere in New Guinea. He graduated from Rodney Wilson high school in 1941, and was employed by Cummings Appliance Shop, before induction.



Pfc. HENRY F. DeVRIES, son of Mrs. Florence DeVries of Ovid, was inducted on Nov. 11, 1942. On June 12, 1943 he was graduated from the Coyne Electrical School in Chicago. He is now stationed somewhere in England.



Pfc. GERALD L. YOUNGLOVE is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Younglove of Dewitt R-1. He left St. Johns on Aug. 20, 1942 and received his basic training at Camp Crowder, Mo. Before entering the service he worked with his father on their farm in Olive township. Pfc. Younglove is now serving with the Army Signal Corps somewhere in the South Pacific.

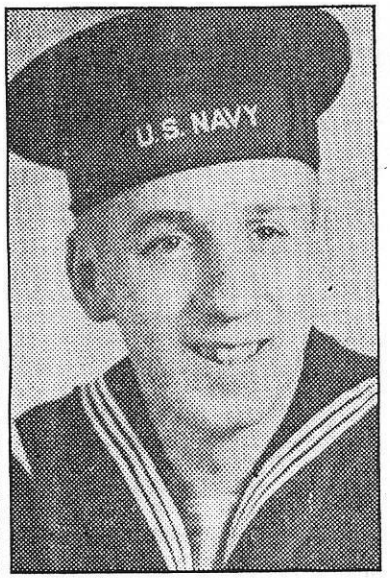


Sgt. NEIL R. HARTE was recently transferred from the Tank Destroyer division of the U. S. Army, to the Amphibious Tractor division and is stationed at Fort Ord, Calif. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. LeVere Harte of Bath, and a graduate of James Couzens Agricultural school. Sgt. Harte entered service April 7, 1943.

Killed in Action



PFC. CLARENCE J. MILLER whose death was announced three weeks ago. Pfc. Miller is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Miller who live north of Pewamo and entered service June 2, 1941. He had been in the South Pacific and had suffered malaria and typhus fever during his service. A brother, Cpl. Harold Miller, is stationed at Fort Slocum, New York.





DONALD P. DECKER, S 1-c, and HARRY J. DECKER, S 1-c, are the sons of Mrs. Catherine Decker of Dewitt. Donald is assigned to an LCT ship in the Pacific. He enlisted in the Navy Jan. 14, 1944, and received his boot training at Farragut, Idaho. Harry enlisted Jan. 26, 1944, and received his training at Great Lakes. He is stationed in the Hawaiian Islands.

Bob Beach Is Youngest To Train at Chico Field

Oct-1942

Chico Field, Calif.—Aviation Cadet Robert C. Beach, an 18-year-old St. Johns youth, the youngest cadet to train here, will soon have achieved his life long ambition: that of becoming a pilot in the U. S. Army Air Forces. Beach, who enlisted in the aviation cadet training corps March 14, is a step nearer his goal as the result of his recent completion of the basic flight training course at Chico Army Flying School, the Army's newest basic training school on the west coast.

Hailing from St. Johns, the youthful fledgling began his Army flight training at Mesa Del Rey, King City, Calif. There he received primary instruction in light training aircraft.

After his successful completion of the primary course, Cadet Beach was transferred to Chico Field for basic training in heavier planes. It was at Chico Field in the famous low-winged Vultee BT-13As that he learned cross-country flights, formations, and night flying.

His graduation from the basic course completes the second stage of the intensive three-phased training program designed by the Army Air Forces to develop him into one of the best trained pilots in the skies today.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beach, the young flyer is now on his way to the final phase of flight training at an advanced flying school. Upon his completion of the advanced course, Cadet Beach will be awarded the silver wings of the Army Air Forces, and granted a lieutenant's commission as a flight officer.

Cadet Beach, affectionately known as "Sonafa" to his fellow cadets, is a graduate of St. Johns high school.



BOB (SONOFA) BEACH

In the local school he played football and lettered in golf. He was also a member of the R.O.T.C. for six months while enrolled at Michigan State College, where he was also a member of the frosh football team. He left college in March to enlist in the Air Forces.

He Fixes 'Em



CPL. BILL IRISH (Right)

People in Eureka where he formerly lived and in St. Johns where Cpl. Bill Irish attended high school from 1938 to 1941, will remember this young man as a likely, genial boy. Today he is in the European war theater and his job is one that contributes to keeping planes in the air.

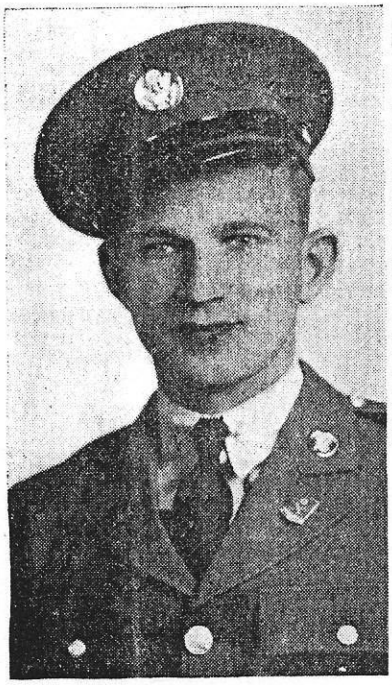
The above picture shows Cpl. Irish (right) and his buddy, Pvt. Patrick Malone of Oneida, N. Y., patching up a hole made in the side of a plane by enemy flak. Irish is a trained sheet metal man. Day or night, whenever it is necessary, it is his job to patch up damaged planes regardless of where the plane may be grounded.

Cpl. Irish is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clare Irish, now of R-1, Lansing.



Pvt. HOWARD W. BEEBE is serving with a Field Artillery division somewhere in England. He entered service Aug. 7, 1943 and left for overseas in Jan. 1944. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Beebe of St. Johns R-3.

MEETS DEATH



PVT. LESLIE J. ACTON
St. Johns soldier killed in traffic accident in west

HOLD RITES FOR LESLIE J. ACTON

Body of St. Johns Soldier, 22, Brought Here From California

Flags were at half mast in this city Tuesday during last rites for Leslie J. Acton, St. Johns soldier who was accidentally killed near his U. S. Army camp in California on March 17. He was Clinton county's first casualty of World War II.

His body was brought here and funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at The Eberts funeral home. Rev. W. R. Prescott officiated, and there was an honor guard of American Legionnaires who conducted military rites at the grave in Mt. Rest cemetery. The funeral was largely attended.

Young Acton, then 21 years old, was inducted into service a year ago this month and was stationed at San Bernando, Calif., where as a member of the 55th Q M Regiment he was assigned to a motorcycle detachment with the rank of first class private. Having been granted a short leave, he and a soldier friend started on a motorcycle trip to Los Angeles, a few miles from their camp, on the night of St. Patrick's Day.

Near El Monte, a Los Angeles suburb, an automobile ahead of them turned suddenly to the left, and the motorcycle, piloted by Acton, crashed into it. The St. Johns soldier suffered a fractured skull and died almost instantly. His companion was injured also, but is recovering.

Pvt. Lee Arms, a close friend, accompanied the body to St. Johns and remained for the funeral services.

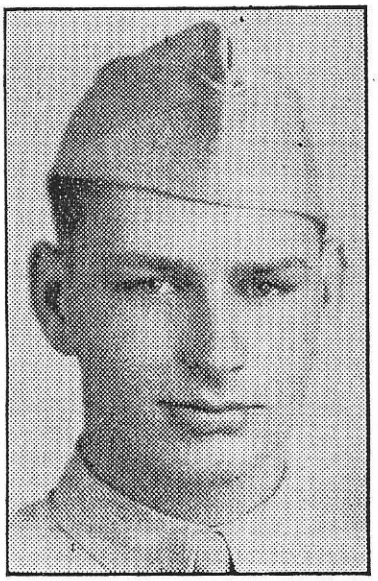
Leslie J. Acton was born at Wheeler, Mich., April 16, 1919, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Acton. He lived here a number of years prior to his induction in March, 1941.

He is survived by his parents, William Acton of Midland, and Mrs. Ray Warner of Bingham, a brother, three sisters, a half-brother and two half-sisters, besides other relatives and many friends.

OBITUARY

Raymond E. Loney was born September 12, 1918, in Isabella county, Michigan. At that time his father was serving his country with the armed forces in France in World War I. When Raymond was eight months old, his father returned home and the family took up their residence in Lansing. At the age of nine, they moved to a farm in Victor township. There he grew to manhood, attending the local school and later running the farm.

Then came "Pearl Harbor" and one month later January 7, 1942, he was inducted into the service of his country. He received his training first at Fort Knox, Ky., then at



Camp Bowie, Texas, and Fort Benning, Ga. He had one furlough which he spent at his home, arriving Sept. 11, 1942, in time to celebrate his 24th birthday. In December of that year he was sent to Africa and the following summer to Italy. He fought in the battles for Cassino and then for Rome. His parents received word June 3, 1944, that he had been "killed in action" May 12, at the age of 25 years and eight months. He is preceded in death by his brother, James.

He leaves to mourn his departure, a loving father, mother, and sister, a grandfather and grandmother, aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends.

"I cannot always see the way
That leads to heaven above;
I sometimes quite forget he leads
Me on the hands of love.
But yet I know the path must lead to
Immanuel's land,
And when I've reached life's summit
I shall know and understand."

Memorial services were held for Raymond E. Loney Sunday, June 11 at 2:00 p. m., from Price church, Rev. Schwarzkopf officiating. A gold star service flag hung over Raymond's picture amid banks and banks of beautiful flowers.

Many treasured scriptural passages were read and comforting words spoken by the pastor to the family and capacity filled church of friends who had gathered to pay their respects to the memory of one who had made the supreme sacrifice.

Mrs. Edwin Heibeck sang "In the Garden" with Mrs. Cassie Phinnie accompanying her at the piano. The church choir sang "Some Day We'll Know and Understand." The community service flag now has 21 blue stars and one gold.

The service closed with all standing and singing the first and last stanzas of "America." Many of the flowers were taken to the grave of his brother, James. Many other bouquets to sick friends of the congregation and several were requested to be taken home by the bereaved family where the gold star service flag will replace the blue.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our appreciation to our relatives and friends for the cards and flowers and all expressions of kindness shown us during our bereavement; also Rev. Schwarzkopf and all who assisted at the memorial services at the Price church for our son, Raymond.—Mr. and Mrs. Ray Loney and Gloriana.

Purple Heart



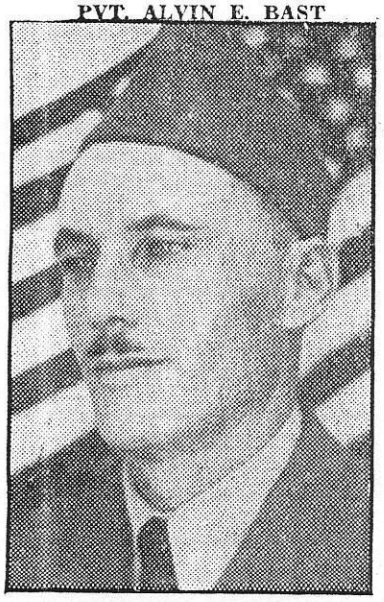
PVT. LAVERNE KRAMER

A telegram was received June 9 by Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kramer of Fowler, R-2, that their son, Pvt. Laverne Kramer, who is somewhere in Italy, was wounded May 23 and had been awarded the Purple Heart medal. A letter from the young man the following day gave the same information and indicated that he hoped to be sent back to the United States soon.

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PVT. ALVIN E. BAST



PVT. DONALD E. ANDREW



S-SGT. HAROLD R. SNATER



PFC. RICHARD L. DECKER

PVT. ALVIN BAST LOST FEB. 14 IN ITALIAN CAMPAIGN

Eureka Boy, Radio-Gunner, Has Been Missing in Europe Since March 8

Bad news continues to come from Italy to this community. Two families have received word of sons and husbands being lost there in the past 10 days. One mother received bad news from the South Pacific area.

Killed In Italy

Friday morning Mrs. Mary E. Bast of St. Johns received a telegram from the War Department that her son, Pvt. Alvin E. Bast, was killed in Italy February 14. It was the usual short message saying that a letter with particulars would follow.

Wounded in Pacific

Sunday morning Mrs. Lucy O'Dell, 901 South Lansing street, received a similar message saying that her son, Pvt. Donald E. Andrew, had been seriously wounded in Bougainville. Pvt. Andrew entered service from Gratiot county more than two years ago and had been in the South Pacific several months. He was a farmer.

Missing In Italy

Saturday, March 18, Mrs. Metha Crowley, of Lansing, received word that her husband, Pvt. Martin V. Crowley, had been missing since February 5 in Italy. He was serving with the Infantry. Both his wife and mother, Mrs. Allie Price, who lives in Ovid, withheld the notice from publication, hoping it would prove to be untrue.

Missing In Europe

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. George I. Snater of Eureka received a telegram that their son, Staff Sergeant Harold R. Snater, 20, was "missing in action since March 8" in the European area. Sgt. Snater had been in England since January 28 and was a radio-gunner on a Flying Fortress.

Wounded In Italy

Mrs. Katharine Decker of Dewitt has received word that her son, Pfc. Richard L. Decker has been wounded in Italy, and has been awarded the purple heart. Pfc. Decker was inducted into the Army on Feb. 10, 1943 and is assigned to an Infantry division.

Pvt. Crowley, 27, who was a former Nash-Kelvinator worker, entered the service March 23, 1943, and received his training at Camp Robinson in Arkansas, Camp Young in California and Fort Shelby, Miss. He went overseas last September, serving first in North Africa and later in Italy.

The training of Pvt. Alvin Bast was identical with that of Pvt. Crowley in Camp Robinson, Camp Young and Fort Shelby. He was home on a 15-day furlough in August and left for overseas in September. His last letter from Italy was written January 13.

Besides the mother, Pvt. Bast is survived by a brother, Isadore Bast

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Cpl. NICK BERNATH, Pvt. JOE S. BERNATH and Cpl. FRANK J. BERNATH are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Andro Bernath of near Elsie. Nick was inducted into the Army on Feb. 20, 1941, and is assigned to an Ordnance division. He left for overseas duty in August, 1943, and is now stationed in India. Joe entered service on Aug. 11, 1942, and is attached to an Engineers Detachment at Santa Fe, N. M. Frank, at the age of 17, enlisted in the Marine Corps on June 26, 1943. He is attending an aviation school at the Naval Training Station, San Diego, Calif.

WOUNDED



SGT. RONALD MOTZ

Through a letter from a Red Cross nurse it became known about ten days ago that Sgt. Motz had been wounded in France Aug. 10. Saturday the official telegram came to the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Motz, of near Ashley, saying that their son was in a hospital in England. Although the family has received a letter from Ronald, the extent and nature of his injuries are unknown. He entered service in March, 1942, and went overseas in February of this year. He was transferred to the Normandy area late in June. Several brothers and sisters live in this community.





Pfc. WILFRED A. KETCHUM and Pvt. FRANCIS M. KETCHUM are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Ketchum of Victor township Wilfred enlisted in the Marine Corps on Sept. 12, 1940, and left for overseas duty April 5, 1942. He served with the 2nd Marines at Guadalcanal, and was overseas for 18 months, returning to the States Oct. 24, 1943. He was confined at Long Beach hospital for some time, but is now stationed at Barstow, Calif. Pfc. Ketchum is expected home on furlough about April 1. Francis entered service Dec. 29, 1942, and is serving with an Infantry division somewhere in the Hawaiian Islands. He left for overseas duty on July 5, 1943. Before induction he worked with his father on the farm.



CHARLES D. BRAINERD, S 2-c is serving with the Seabees in Bermuda. He entered service Aug. 27, 1943. His wife is Mrs. Geraldine Brainerd of Dewitt, and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brainerd of near Bath.

Don Fifield in Pearl Harbor When Japs Hit

"I have served on three different destroyers and they're all afloat today," grinned Torpedoman 1st Class Don Fifield who came home Wednesday after nearly four years in the U. S. Navy. "Yes, it's good to get back in the old home town, but there have been quite a few changes—and say, whereinell are all the fellows I used to know?"

Enlisting in the Navy on Sept. 8, 1940, Don was in a hospital at Pearl Harbor when the Japs struck on Dec. 7, 1941. "There was plenty of excitement in that hospital," he said. "We jumped out of bed and ran to the windows. Then they began bringing in wounded Marines and a few Jap pilots who had been



DONALD J. FIFIELD

shot down. At first I helped fold bandages, but along with a lot of other sick, I got to wondering when the Japs were coming back.

"Pretty soon some of us who were not seriously ill decided that we would rather be out of that hospital than in. We got into our clothes and before nightfall, I was on another destroyer and we patrolled the waters around the Islands looking for Jap submarines for five days before we came back in."

Soon after that Fifield put to sea on a destroyer and has been on the water continuously since. On his service stripe there are stars indicating that he has taken part in seven major combats and above it is the bar and star indicating that he is a pre-Pearl Harbor Navy man.

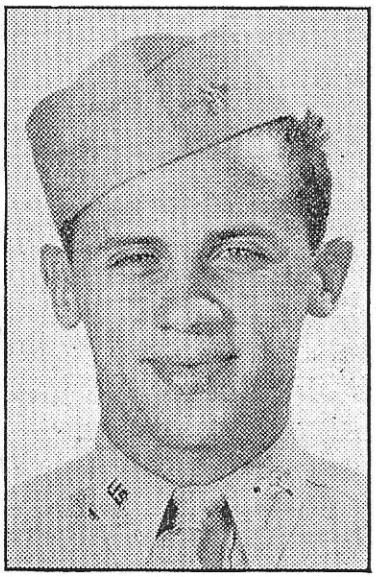
When it comes to giving details about the action he has seen, Fifield is rather reluctant to talk. He did tell of seeing a number of Jap torpedo planes being shot down, and one time, he said, two men on his destroyer were wounded by fragments from the guns of another American ship which was firing at Jap plans. "Those two boys are back on the job now," he said.

"What about the Japs?" he was asked "We don't come into contact with many of them on destroyers," he said, "but I did have a good look at three Jap pilots in the water. We ran alongside to pick them up. We threw a landing net over the side when one of them pulled a pistol and tried to shoot us. Another committed hari kari with a knife in the water. Some of our boys finished the other two with tommy guns."

Don had eight days shore leave at Sydney, Australia, one time. He said that the Aussies surely went to great lengths to give the American sailors a good time . . . "Sometimes I think we were treated better there than we are at home," Don added.

Fifield's 30-day leave will give him more than 20 days at home, and he plans to do a lot of visiting, eating and sleeping while he is here. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fifield of St. Johns.

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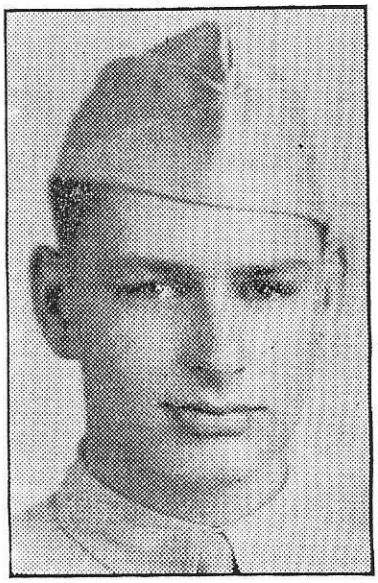


LT. WAYNE J. KIRVAN

Maple Rapids was represented in a large class of navigators who recently graduated and received "wings" and commissions as flight officers in the person of Lt. Wayne J. Kirvan, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kirvan of that village. Lt. Kirvan attended school in Maple Rapids and was a member of one of the basketball teams of that town which gained fame throughout central Michigan.

After 18 weeks of intensive training at Hondo Army Air Field, Texas, Lt. Kirvan along with other members of the class, is qualified to chart long-distance bombing missions on AAF's B-19's, B-17's, B-24's and other big B's. By day or night, in fair or inclement weather, he is trained to arrive at a target with split-second accuracy.

Killed in Action



CPL. R. E. LONEY

RAYMOND LONEY KILLED MAY 12

Lived with His Parents Near Price; Enlisted in Army Jan. 7, 1942

Cpl. Raymond E. Loney, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Loney, 629 West Lapeer street, Lansing, was killed in action in Italy May 12, according to a telegram received by the parents Saturday. Cpl. Loney was well known in this community as he lived with his parents on a farm near Price prior to his enlistment and had friends in and around St. Johns.

Cpl. Loney enlisted on January 7, 1942, a month after Pearl Harbor. He was attached to a tank destroyer unit. His first destination overseas was England and later went into North Africa and continued with the U. S. forces when Italy was invaded. The telegram received by the parents was brief, giving no details, but assured that a letter would follow.

Memorial services will be held from the Price church at 2:00 o'clock (slow time) Sunday afternoon, June 11, Rev. H. F. Schwarzkopf of the Price and Greenbush churches officiating. Music will be furnished by the Price church choir.

Besides the parents, Cpl. Loney is survived by a sister, Glorianna, who was a pupil in Rodney B. Wilson high school until early this spring when her parents removed from the farm near Price to Lansing.